Decline Noted In Crop Lands

Erosion and Over-Use Take High Toll as Nation's Population Gains.

WASHINGTON — United States crop lands soon may not support us in the manner to which we have become accustomed. Agricultural economists and nutritionists say it takes about three acres of land to provide each person with food and clothing under an average American standard of living.

Statistics indicate that shortly after 1950 the available good, productive crop land in the United States will drop to that point.

Population Growing.

The reasons are these:

Population is rising rapidly. Since 1940 the increase has been about 11 million.

At the same time, experts of the soil conservation service say that 50 million head of soil types is being "lost" through erosion and overuse. The rate of loss is estimated at 500,000 acres of topsoil a year.

The census bureau estimated the United States population in August, 1947, at 144,239,000 persons. The SCS says that there are about 460 million acres of good crop land left in the United States. (This is land that will not be damaged by continuous use if good farming methods are practiced.)

Will Hit Record Low.

A total of 429 million acres of good crop lands is needed to sustain everyone on an adequate diet and provide clothing and other materials made from farm products. That leaves a reserve of 31 million acres.

It is estimated the 1950 population will be at least 147.5 million persons and that the total still will rise. The peak isn't expected to be reached until about 1990, when the total is expected to be 165 million.

If the forecasts are borne out, the rising population line and the declining crop land line in the United States land situation graph will cross shortly after 1950. This will be the first time in history when the available good crop land will fall below an average of three acres for each person.

Increased Toll of Cancer Predicted for Coming Years

CHICAGO — Unless progress is made in cancer control, the disease will kill 82 per cent more persons in 1960 than in 1940, a physician reported.

Dr. Halbert L. Dunn of the United States public health service, writing in the magazine Hygeia, pointed out that the population would be proportionately older in 1960.

Based on present population trends, there will be 58,731,000 United States residents over 45 years of age in 1960, compared with 35,104,000 in 1940. The current death rate from the disease would take 288,500 lives in 1960 compared with 158,335 in 1940.

Dr. Dunn said that early detection and treatment of the disease was the best known method yet for avoiding cancer deaths, but added:

"If every diagnosis of cancer were made at the earliest possible date, if every man and woman called on the doctor at the first symptom and if every doctor without fail applied the appropriate treatment without delay, the maximum number of lives saved might be as high as two out of three. With the aging and growing population of the United States, this would still leave as many deaths from cancer in 1960 as in 1940.

"The real victory in the cancer battle probably will come from a vast research program aimed at the nature of cancer itself. This calls for large sums of money and for thousands of research brains."

Services Keep Five Billion In War Surplus Material

WASHINGTON. — The military services have decided to retain some five billion dollars' worth of goods they once planned to dump on the war surplus market. This decision to increase "military stock levels" was disclosed by War Assets Administrator Robert M. Littlejohn, who also reported that some goods already declared surplus have been withdrawn from public offering.

The withdrawals include clothing and other supplies being used to relieve distress abroad and at home and to carry out this country's 400 million dollar Greek-Turkish aid program.

At the army department it was said the decision to keep more material does not represent "a new strategic situation" but a policy change relating to stocks on hand.

Historic House in Maryland Presented to People of U. S.

WASHINGTON.— Historic Hampton, near Towson, Md., one of the finest Georgian mansions in America, shortly will be acquired for the people of the U. S. through a private gift to the nation, Secretary of the Interior Krug announced.

The mansion, built between 1783 and 1790 by Capt. Charles Ridgley, an American officer in the Revolutionary war, will be held by the national park service and exhibited to the public by the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities.

Round Schoolhouse Proves Safe for Pioneer Teacher

BROOKLINE, VT.—Still standing here is the only round red schoolhouse in America—and therein lie a tale.

In 1822, a tall, handsome man who identified himself as Dr. John Wilson appeared in this village and applied for a job as schoolteacher. Hired immediately, he soon arranged to have built the round red schoolhouse which, with five windows, commanded a view of approaches from all directions.

Not until Dr. Wilson died was it learned why he wanted to teach in a schoolhouse which provided such excellent visibility. Through certain physical defects and other clues, Dr. Wilson was identified in death as the notorious Captain Thunderbolt, a criminal who had escaped from a British prison and sailed for New England.

Captain Thunderbolt's accomplice in crime, a man known as Lightning, escaped with him and eventually was hanged as a murderer in Boston.

Right-to-Left Dishwashing Best, College Tests Prove

PULLMAN, WASH. — If a housewife is suckered out at the end of a hard day at the dishpan, chances are she is a left-to-right scrubber instead of a right-to-left operator.

"Washing dishes from right to left is more economical of time and motion," says Mrs. Elizabeth Wiley, junior home economist, who is doing research on the subject for the Washington state agricultural experiment station.

Mrs. Wiley says that less total dishwashing time is consumed in the right-to-left approach than in the left-to-right procedure.

Ten Pin Tips—

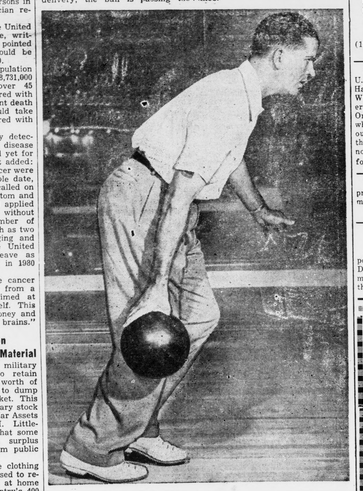
By Joe Norris

(This is the fourth of a series of lessons by Joe Norris, only bowler named to the All-American team eight consecutive times. Norris also has been a member of the world's match game team champions and the ABC and international team champion.)

SECOND STEP

As you take your second step, this time with the right foot in a five-step delivery, the ball is passing the right knee in its downward and backward motion. Note that the eyes are looking directly ahead, the ball held securely and the left arm is poised for balance.

This second step is slightly longer than the first, as will be each successive step. The ball swings in a smooth, pendulum-like motion and the knees are slightly bent. At this point, it will be well to remember not to get your backswing too high as it will tend to pull you off balance.



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Place your order now for Hybrid Seed Corn. U. S. 262. $7.50 per bushel, on all orders placed before Dec. 30, 1947 for spring delivery. United States crop reports show that there might be a limited supply of Hybrid Seed Corn for the year of 1948. You may leave your order with Mrs. M. B. Garrett, Appomattox, Va.; Mr. J. F. MacKenzie, Rt. 3, Box 123, Lynchburg, or the office of the County Agt., R. B. Hudgins. Garland B. Garrette, producer. (12-4-4tc)

FLASH:- Just received carload "Vaporseal," 2x8 foot SHEATHING, $110.00 per thousand. For waterproofing your cement or cinder block home, use "AQUELLA." Just received shipment of DOORS, WINDOWS, and FLOORING. Put "superlier FORD ROOFING on now $7.00 per square. For scarce building material items, see H. E. DEWITT COMPANY, LYNCHBURG, VA. (12-11-tfc)

WANTED

Pine Wood in Bark

Will pay up to $25.00 per cord. delivered to my yard at Appomattox.

Inquire at office for specifications before cutting.

I have a supply of kindling wood. Place your order for immediate or future delivery.

HUNTER LUMBER CO.

(12-11-4tc)

Special Chick Offer on best grade U. S. Approved Barred Rocks, Hampshire Reds, Redrock Crosses or White Leghorns. Direct from hatchery to you. Price $12.95 per 100. Order yours today for shipment when wanted. Surplus heavy breeds our choice ..$11.95 per 100, less than 100 add 1c per chick. Order now. Address: Seeley's Chicks, Norfolk 10, Virginia. (12-11-tfc)

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Try a Classified Ad.

Watkins M. Abbitt plans to seek post of Congressman from Fourth District in special election. A mass meeting in his behalf will be held at the court house Tuesday night.

Merry CHRISTMAS

BEST WISHES and GREETINGS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF APPOMATTOX COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Appomattox County, on the 12th day of December, 1947.

James B. Woodson and Andrew C. Woodson, Plaintiffs

Against

Walter H. Woodson, and the unknown heirs at law of said Walter H. Woodson, Defendants.

The object of this suit is to declare the said Walter H. Woodson dead; and to have partition of the tract of real estate that was owned by Robert Herbert Woodson at his death, containing 176 acres in Appomattox County, Va.

And it appearing by affidavit filed that Walter H. Woodson has not been heard of since 1903-4 and whose address is unknown, and any unknown heirs at law of said Walter H. Woodson, are hereby required to appear within ten days after the due publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect their interests.

Teste:

C. W. Smith, Clerk.

Geo. Abbitt, Jr., p. q.

(12-18-4tc)

FOR RENT: A five room house, electric lights, well in yard. Eight miles south of Appomattox. School Bus goes by house. Anyone interested, see

E. W. Marshall,
Spout Spring, Va.

(12-25-2tp)

FOR SALE: Fryers. 40c per lb. Apply to: Mrs. L. M. Wilkes,
(11tp) Appomattox, Va., Route 1.

IN MEMORIAM

MARTIN—In loving memory of our Mother and Wife, Nellie Wright Martin, who departed this life two years ago, December 26, 1945.

Two years have swiftly passed away
But still we don't forget.
For in the hearts that loved you best,
Your memory lingers yet.

No morning dawns, no night returns,
But that we think of you.
Those left behind are very dear,
But none replaces you.

—Sadly missed by
Martin Family.

PIANOS

Just arrived in time for Christmas! A collection of extra good factory reconditioned upright and grand pianos of world leading makes, many styles and sizes from which to choose and within any price range you might desire. A few new Spinets yet available.

For the best, visit our store immediately or write.

PIANO DEPARTMENT
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(12-11-3tc)

Contract Hauling or Moving.
Vernell Mitchell,
Appomattox, Va. (12-11-tfc)

NOTICE

TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS

I am glad to announce that I am now representing reliable Auto Insurance Companies, and will be glad to talk with you about your insurance needs. You should check on your auto insurance now, and I will appreciate the opportunity of serving you. Write, or see me at Appomattox, Va.

J. W. (SAM) CONNER

(12-4-4tp)

COMPLETE HOME ORCHARD

APPLE COLLECTION, consisting of 5 Trees furnishing fruit from the earliest to the latest, as follows:

1 Early Red Bird — New, Red June Apple.
1 Summer Delicious — Large yellow summer Apple.
1 Red Duchess — Early fall Apple
1 Grimes Golden — Late fall Apple.
1 Virginia Winesap— Red winter Apple.
1 Delicious — Popular winter Red Apple.

All six trees 3 to 4 ft. size —Special Offer No. 23 — $ .85 Postpaid.

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WAYNESBORO NURSERIES,

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FOR SALE: One five burner white enamel Oil Cooking Range. Melvin Jamerson,
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FOR RENT: 6 room house, to be used for 2 apartments. Electricity, 10 minutes drive to town. Mrs. L. B. Hobson,
Route 1. (12p)

LOST: A pair black mules, with a white mouth. Left home December 21, Hickory, Appomattox County, Post Office, Pamplin, Va. Notify: WILSON HIX.

For Sale: Round wood or slab. Also, buy scrap iron. See me for highest prices.
Vernell Mitchell,
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(12-11-tfc)

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HOUND LOST: Female, black, white back, yellow head, white spot on tail. Missing since about November 1st. $25.00 reward.

J. C. Dunnavant,
Charlotte C. H., Va.
(12-18-2tp)

NOW PAYING $1.00 per hundred pounds for all kinds of mixed iron, free of light iron. Highest prices paid for rags, brass and other nonferrous metals. LYNCHBURG IRON & METAL CO., Park Ave. & Federal St., Lynchburg, Virginia.
(12-4-tfc)

NOTICE

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF APPOMATTOX COUNTY

The Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County, will hold its regular meeting in January 1948, on Jany. 14, at 10:00 a.m. at the Court House, at which time it will be glad to hear and have the views of the Taxpayers on the matter of the proposed additional class room, gymnasium, etc., at the Appomattox High School, and the same at the Colored, Carver High School, and the School Authorities deem it best or will be necessary in the near future, the total cost of which and the necessary equipment, it is estimated will be approximately $100,000.00. To finance the yearly payments on such expenditure, over a period of thirty years, and maintain the present budget, it is estimated that it will necessitate raising the tax rate $1.00 on the $100.00 worth of property, making the total rate in the county $2.65 instead of the present rate of $1.65.

The Board would like to have all and all taxpayers express their views in regard to this matter.

Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County
George Abbitt, Jr., Chairman
C. W. Smith, Clerk.
(12-18-3tc)

Democratic Mass Meeting

To The Democrats of Appomattox County

Pursuant to the suggestion and request of members of the Committee, and other interested Democrats, a MASS MEETING of the Democrats of Appomattox County is hereby called to meet at the Court House at Appomattox, Va., on next Tuesday night, December 30th.1947, at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of promoting the candidacy of Hon. Watkins M. Abbitt, to succeed the late Patrick H. Drewry in Congress. All Democrats are requested and urged to be present.

C. W. SMITH

SECRETARY DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE

Local Happenings

Mrs. Mathew Troy, of Louisiana, is visiting in the Featherston home here. Mrs. Troy, nee Ragland, taught school here some years ago.

Liberty Baptist Church is presenting Student Night Evening at 7:30 Sunday, at which time the college students from the church are going to present the program, consisting of music and several short talks. The public cordially invited.

Mrs. Hubert Galliher is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. James Alexander Conner left yesterday for her home in Roxboro, N. C., after spending a few days here with her mother, Mrs. W. P. Wells.

Major and Mrs. Eames A. Powers and daughter, of Petersburg, are spending the holidays in the home of Mrs. J.E. Sears.

Rev. Moses, of Baltimore is spending the holidays in the home of his brother here.

William S. Moses, having completed his course for his B. S. degree at V. P. I., is spending the holidays in the home of his mother, Mrs. Bon Moses.

Pfc. David A. Garrett, of Kessler Field, Miss., is here on a 28 - day furlough. He will be transferredto Hamilton Field, Calif. Pfc. Garrett has received his diploma as a B-29 specialized Airplane and Engineer Mechanic. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Garrett, of Route 3.

L. A. Young and Miss Peggy Elliott, Coy, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Hunter and son will leave tomorrow to visit relatives in South Carolina.

The Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Robinson are spending Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson.

Eddie Barron, of Norfolk, a student at William and Mary College, is spend several days next week in Appomattox as guest of Miss LaFern Hall.

J. C. Caldwell and Ryland Mann left to attend the William and Mary - Arkansas Dixie Bowl football game in Alabama.

Mrs. L. M. Ringham, of Bluefield, W. Va., is to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chatham.

Miss Mildred McDearmon, of Columbia, S.C., is home fo. the holidays.

Miss Mary Frances Cheatham, of New York is spending the holidays here.

Miss Betsy Higginbotham, S. T. C., Farmville, is home for Christmas.

The regular meeting of the Appomattox Lions Club will not be held tonight, Thursday.

Patrons of the Appomattox Post Office owe a vote of appreciation to the Postal Post Office staff and rural carriers for the excellent manner in which a record volume of holiday mail has been handled. Both the incoming and outgoing mail has been heavy this entire month, and the local office's record year for business volume.

Mrs. J. L. Freeman, of Illinois, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carl Godsey.

Douglas MacKenzie, of V. P. I., Blacksburg, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. MacKenzie.

Thomas Smith, of University of Virginia, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Gayle are spending Christmas in Richmond and Petersburg.

The two local hardware stores and Wilson's will be closed both Thursday and Friday for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Norfleet are spending the holidays in South Carolina and Holland, Va.

Mrs. Rose and W. M. Abbitt attended the funeral of Congressman Patrick Drewry in Petersburg Tuesday afternoon.

The Memorial Methodist Church will have a Watch Night service at 11:30 Church New Year's Eve night, beginning at 11:30.

Many residences in Appomattox are tastefully decorated for the Christmas season.

The peak of the mail volume passed Tuesday.

Be safe--drive carefully.

MOORE - FRANKLIN

Mr. and Mrs. Owen W. Franklin announce the marriage of their daughter, Wilmoth Cornelia, to Jesse Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, both of Concord. The wedding took place in Durham, North Carolina, December 17th.

SHOWER FOR BRIDE

Mrs. Jack Davis and Mrs. John A. Tweedy entertained Friday evening December 19th, in honor of the recent bride, Mrs. Edwin Walker, in the home of Mrs. Tweedy. The house was decorated in holiday greens. Bob Jenkins and Jack Cawthorne entertained the guests with string music. The bride received many lovely and useful gifts. After the gifts were opened the hostesses served a delicious plate. We wish for the couple a long and happy life.

Richwood

Richwood, Dec. 24.- A Merry Christmas to every one and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Murrell Jordan, Mrs. H. M. Mitchell and Mrs. E.W. Mitchell were in Lynchburg on Wednesday of last week.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Alex Smith returned home Sunday from the hospital and that she is much improved.

Herman Pillow was visiting friends in Lynchburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Burnett, Mr. Carter Pankey, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cordell, Charles Cordell were in Lynchburg Monday.

R. W. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Adams were in Lynchburg on business Tuesday.

Divine services at Wesley Chapel at 3 P. M. Sunday. All invited.

Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills, Dec. 22.- Robert I. Coleman, of Newport News and Bobby Coleman, a student at the University of Alabama, will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Malcolm Booker.

Members of the Liberty Chapel B. T. U. will go Christmas caroling December 23rd. The church plans its annual Christmas party Christmas Eve night at 7:30.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of C. L. Carter.

Miss Estelle Moore, of Roanoke, and Miss Riley Moore, of Lynchburg and Arthur Moore and family will spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A Rodgers have left for a three month vacation in San Antione, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and Becky will spend Christmas Day in Lynchburg with Mrs. Florine Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scruggs and family will spend the holidays at Narrows, Va.

Mrs. Anderson Scruggs will spend the holidays in Appomattox with Mrs. Flora Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown will spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. John H. Spiggle.

Christmas Held Twice Yearly

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family homesite, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N. C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here's a place they celebrate two Christmases every year.

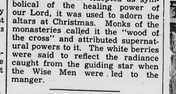
Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks, makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodanthean have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, Santa is accompanied by a menacing ogre, known as "Old Buck,"

who takes care of the bad children while Santa administers to the good.

Surrounded by myth by primitive peoples, the mistletoe was taken over by Christians who also wove fanciful legends around it.

In ancient mythology, the mistletoe was the instrument of evil. The Druids of Britain believed the plant possessed healing powers. Other primitive people thought that mistletoe found growing on oaks had magical powers.

Taken over into Christian tradition, the mistletoe was dedicated to the Christ Child. Adopted as symbolical of the healing power of our Lord, it was used to adorn the altars at Christmas. Monks of the monasteries called it the "wood of the cross" and attributed supernatural powers to it. The white berries were said to reflect the radiance caught from the guiding star when the Wise Men were led to the manger.



Norwegian farmers give their cattle tubs of home-brewed ale on Christmas Eve.

At midnight of Christmas Eve people in Madrid eat 12 grapes for good luck in the coming year.

There are 175 different kinds of holly.

Christmas has been celebrated on more than 100 different days in various parts of the world.

Christopher Columbus and his men landed on the coast of Cuba on December 25, 1492, naming the point Navidad.

George Washington crossed the Delaware and made a successful attack on the Hessian troops at Trenton, N. J., on Christmas Day, 1776.

Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan followers abolished Christmas Day in England, banning all feasting and fun. The ban lasted for seven years and was lifted when Charles II became king.

The people are considered in Hungary at Christmastime, a levy being assessed against richer citizens so the poor may have sufficient to eat and drink.

Christmas With the Pioneers Held Deep Religious Meaning

CHRISTMAS on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wilderness, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitudes, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and the humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in Virginia's record year for business volume.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the Wise Men crossed, this the Night and yon sleeping village, Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the Wise Men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or schoolhouse where children recited their pieces and sang

songs about the birth of the Christ Child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange or an apple to each one, and childhood rapture would make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

HOME-MADE sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the caroling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells."

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads or a calico doll from Santa Claus. But that doll, made from spare strips of bright cloth, probably was more treasured than any modern doll that can say "Mama," go to sleep and perhaps require a diaper.

Children who received a slate pencil or a shell-box, a little affair covered with shells and containing a small mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there might be a bag of candy.

IN THE isolated cabins it wasn't so easy to gather with one's neighbors to celebrate. There were wolves in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on the pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a bobsled ride or perhaps a square dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handiwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter—the Star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But withall these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.

Gifts That Will Suit Everyone

THE old saying that it isn't the gift but the giving that's appreciated may be true, but just the same a good gift quickens the heart so much more.

In being able to draw upon the abundance of the country, farm people are in a position to present especially valued gifts at comparatively small cost. For instance, a box full of spruce, fir, pine, holly, cedar or balsam is always welcomed as a decorative source by city friends.

City people, like everybody else, also appreciate good things to eat, and home canned country fruits and vegetables or some fowl can be expected to make a big hit. Gardeners

in the big town will gladly welcome a packet of seeds gleaned from an expansive country garden.

Handy home-makers can convert old articles into attractive gifts. An old felt hat can be made into a beanie for some young girl merely by using the crown and adding yarn stitching for decoration. The best part of an old fur coat beyond repair will make a rich carriage robe for a new baby. Pot-holders, dusting mitts, bath powder gloves, shoe bags are some of the items which can be salvaged from small scraps.

And, O yes! what could be more useful to a young bride than a home-made cook-book containing the home-maker's favorite recipes? Not only will such a book provide for tasty eating but it can also be expected to guide the young wife over some rough moments in the kitchen.

Church News

MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
Floyd M. Lucas, Minister

Sunday School: 9:45.

Preaching Service, 11:00.
A Message For The New Year.

Youth Fellowship 6:45.
Preaching Service 7:30.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE
A "Watch Night" Service will be held New Year's Eve at Memorial Methodist Church. The public is cordially invited.The hour will be 11:30 P. M.

EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH FIELD
Cecil G. Carter, pastor

EVERGREEN:
10:00 A. M. Sunday School.
11:00 A. M. "The Tide of Time."
HOLLYWOOD:
6:30 P. M. Training Union.
7:30 P. M. "The Eleventh Hour."
The Evergreen W. M. S. will have their last quarter Mission Study Course, Tuesday, December 30, at 7:30 P. M.

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH
Appomattox, Va.
Jesse Marshall Walker, Minister

Southside Baptist Hour (WSVS) at 8:00 A. M.
Sunday School at 9:30.
C. S. Jenkins, Supt.
Morning Worship at 11 o'clock.
Sermon by Pastor.
B. T. U. at 6:30.
Miss Laura McFadden, director.
Evening Worship at 7:30.
Student Night, entire program under direction of college students.

It would be difficult, indeed, to forget our friends, particularly at Christmas. We want you to know how close we feel to all of you, and how sincerely we wish for each of you the choicest blessings of Yuletide.

Jamerson Bowling Alley
Appomattox, Virginia

Appomattox Has Two Good Banks

We congratulate them on raising interest rates on savings to 2%

For 28 years the Drug Store has paid 5%

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LEE THEATRE

THE SHOWPLACE OF APPOMATTOX

While glad bells peal out, while children make merry, while carols are being sung and the Christmas story is being told and retold, we join in the joyous occasion by expressing best wishes for a

Merry Christmas to each and every one

THURSDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY 1st Show at 5:00 P.M.
SHIRLEY TEMPLE in
"Honeymoon"

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 27
Charles Starrett — Smiley Burnette in
"Terror Trail"
ALSO
"Sport of Kings"

MONDAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 30
"Dear Ruth"

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, THURSDAY, JANUARY 1
"Unfinished Dance"